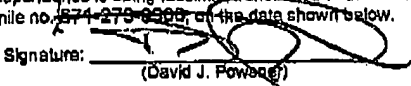


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Dear Sir:

In response to the Final Office Action dated July 8, 2005, please amend the above-identified U.S. patent application as follows. Please charge any fees associated with this amendment, e.g., for the addition of new claims to Deposit Order Account 14-1449:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Amendments to the Drawings begin on page 14 of this paper and include an attached replacement sheet.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 15 of this paper.

An Appendix including replacement drawing figures is attached following page 19 of this paper.